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For The Northern Mariana Islands
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

UNITED STATES of AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

SHENG, LIN

Defendant

Case No.: **CR 07 - 00004**

AFFIDAVIT OF DETECTIVE
ELIAS Q. SARALU IN SUPPORT
OF COMPLAINT AND ARREST
WARRANT

I, ELIAS Q. SARALU, being duly sworn, depose and say as follows:

1. I am currently employed as a Police Detective for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Department of Public Safety (DPS). I have been a Police Officer for 10 years, and am currently assigned to the DPS, Criminal Investigation Section-Special Investigation Section (SIS) to investigate any and all criminal violations with special attention to illegal narcotics incidents.

1 2. Prior to my assignment to the Special Investigation Section, I was assigned to the
2 domestic Violence Task Force. In the course of my career, I have participated in more than 50
3 criminal investigations and arrested numerous defendants. I have also received specialized
4 training from the DPS Police Academy, the CNMI Criminal Investigations Bureau, the Tactical
5 Response Enforcement Team (TRET), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Multi-
6 jurisdiction Counter Drug Task Force in Carson City, Nevada, and the CNMI Attorney General's
7 Office.

8 3. During the course of this investigation, and through personal observation and
9 information received from other law enforcement personnel and a Commonwealth DPS
10 cooperating source, I learned the following information:

11 4. On April 13, 2007, I conducted a briefing at the Office of the Drug Enforcement
12 Administration (DEA) in Garapan for a buy-bust operation for SHENG, LIN (SHENG), who had
13 been identified by a cooperating source (CS) as someone who had previously sold drugs,
14 specifically, methamphetamine in a form commonly known as "ice," to the CS. Members of the
15 DEA and its Task Force, Criminal Investigations Bureau, U.S. Marshals for the Northern
16 Mariana Islands Administration attended this briefing. After the briefing everyone left DEA
17 Office along with the CS to at the Price Costco in San Jose where the proposed transaction with
18 SHENG was going to take place.

19 5. Upon the arrival of the surveillance team and the CS at the parking lot of Price
20 Costco, the CS placed a call to a telephone number (234-1577) at a tire shop which SHENG
21 operate ^{ECS} and spoke to SHENG about the purchase five (5) grams of methamphetamine ice. This
22 conversation was recorded.
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1 6. SHENG told the CS to give him, SHENG, fifteen minutes and then the CS should
2 call back. About fifteen minutes later, the CS called SHENG again at his tire shop. SHENG told
3 the CS that he, SHENG, had only three (3) grams of methamphetamine ice. The CS and SHENG
4 agreed to a meeting at the Price Costco. The CS then was searched for any drugs or large amount
5 of money with negative results. Detective Peter Camacho then handed the CS one thousand one
6 hundred dollars (\$1,100.00) in marked DPS currency for the purchase of the methamphetamine
7 ice from SHENG. The CS was then released to wait for SHENG at the parking lot of Price
8 Costco.

9 7. The CS, being closely monitored by the surveillance team until the arrival of
10 SHENG, stood on the southern most end of Price Costco parking lot waiting for SHENG. At
11 about 3:03 p.m., a beige sedan bearing license plate number AAW-656 parked in one of the
12 empty parking spaces in the Price Costco lot. The operator of the vehicle was a Chinese male
13 later identified as SHENG. There was a young child in the rear seat of the vehicle. The young
14 child was later identified as SHENG'S son.

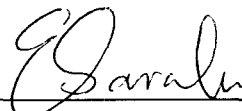
15 8. After SHENG parked the vehicle he was driving, the surveillance team observed
16 the CS walking towards the vehicle. The CS was observed entering the passenger side of the
17 vehicle and talking to SHENG. A few minutes later, the officers on the team that recorded the
18 meeting gave the signal that the sale had been completed and the arrest team should move in.
19 They arrested SHENG. The CS, who was still on the passenger side of the vehicle, handed to me
20 one clear zip lock bag containing a white napkin and, in the napkin, there were three (3) clear
21 zip-lock bags containing crystalline substance. Using the Narcotic Identification Kit (NIK), I
22 later tested the crystalline substance and it came out presumptive positive for crystal
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1 methamphetamine, commonly known as ice. I also weighed the three zip lock bags containing
2 the crystalline substance and the weight was four (4) grams.

3 9. I also interviewed the CS who said that, when he got into the passenger seat,
4 SHENG pulled out a zip lock bag from under the driver seat and handed it to him. The CS then
5 handed SHENG the marked DPS U.S. currency and SHENG put the money in his front left
6 pocket. That was when the CS gave the signal for the arrest teams. The one thousand and one
7 hundred dollars (\$1,100.00) of marked DPS currency was found on SHENG'S front left pocket
8 after he was searched.

9 10. The young child who was also taken for safety later released back to his mother,
10 SHENG'S wife.

11 11. Based on the above information, I believe there is probable cause for the issuance
12 of arrest warrant for Mr. SHENG, LIN for engaging in the Distribution of a Controlled
13 Substance in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(C).
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18 DETECTIVE ELIAS Q. SALARU

19 Sworn to and subscribed before me under the penalties of perjury this 12TH day April,
20 2007.
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24 ALEX R. MUNSON
25 United States District Court Judge